

SEND News – Term 6 2023



Dear parents and carers,

We are reaching the end of another great year for learners with SEND within Acorn Education Trust. Our central Trust SEND services have had a busy year and I've included some information below about what we've been up to in Link 2 nurture base and Acorn forest school. Additionally, our Acorn Educational Psychologist has worked over 25 days with us this academic year providing consultations, reflection and advice for over 30 children and young people. Our Acorn play therapist provides longer term intervention for those in most need of emotional support. She has worked with 9 children. Our Acorn Behaviour Support Practitioner has observed, supported and provided advice for 54 young people across the Trust since joining us in November. Our Complex Needs Resource Bases at The Avenue and Wansdyke have provided high quality provision and continue to go from strength to strength. We are also opening a Resource Base at Clarendon Academy in September where we will welcome 5 new students initially, building up to 10 places over the year. Thank you to all the children, young people and their families for engaging with our settings and all the amazing staff who work so hard to help us to support them. Have a fabulous summer!

Sue Fulbrook (Head of SEND)

Link 2

We've had a fantastic year at Link 2 nurture base. 12 children have benefitted from the caring, supportive and understanding environment and the expertise of staff. They've been developing literacy and numeracy skills on a personalised level and also follow a social, emotional and mental health curriculum and some non-core subjects. At the same time, we are working all the time to help children develop skills around self-regulation, collaboration and engagement in learning.



Forest School

Forest school has seen 20 children through the gates and having fun in the woodland area. It is a popular provision which has a waiting list already for next year! Children have enjoyed activities such as the tree swing, bug hunts, firewood collecting, log cutting, firelighting, toasting marshmallows, making hot chocolate, archery, hedgehog house building, clay art, treasure hunts and much more.



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